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Alleged memorials from the share-holders of the Carnatic Paper Mills.

*282 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether largely signed memorials were received by the Government from the share-holders of the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, and if so, what reply the Government have given to the memorialists?

A.—Memorials were received but no reply has yet been given.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know why no reply was sent and whether the Government intend to send a reply?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"We are considering."

Report on the possibilities of the Carnatic Paper Mills.

*283 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that Madras is one of the chief markets for the Titagher Paper Mills;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government in taking expert opinion on the possibilities of the mills, relied on the opinion given by the Titagher experts; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will consider the desirability of consulting other experts who are Indians to report on the company's possibilities?

A.—(a) Madras is one of the markets.
(b) No.
(c) The question does not arise.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"What steps have Government taken to obtain the opinion of the experts from other mills?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"That is still under consideration."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government propose to get experts from countries like Japan for this purpose?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"I cannot say now."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"In view of the adjournment motion carried in this House, will the Government consider the suggestion in this question before they make up their mind?"

Scholarships for training in the Victoria Technical Institute at Bombay and in Europe.

*284 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(a) the distribution of scholarships awarded by the Madras Government for training in the Victoria Technical Institute at Bombay, in Europe and elsewhere among various communities during the last five years; and

(b) the number of applications from each community during the last five years?

A.—(a) & (b) Separate statements [a] are appended.

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Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know if the Government have investigated or propose to investigate why there are no applicants for the scholarship of the Leather Trades Institute ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The Government will enquire."

Irrigation

Ayacut of the Godavari and the Kistna deltas.

* 285 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ultimate ayacut of the Godavari and the Kistna deltas has been fixed ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the relevant Government Orders or any other papers showing the principles on which the ultimate ayacut has been fixed, will be placed on the table of the House ?

A.—(*a*) The extents at present irrigable in the Kistna Western, Kistna Eastern and Godavari Western deltas have been fixed, while those in the Godavari Eastern and Godavari Central deltas have not yet been fixed.

(*b*) Copies of the following papers are placed on the table [a] :—

(1) G.O. No. 33 I., dated 21st January 1920.
(2) ,, 336 I., dated 3rd October 1924.
(3) ,, 895 I., dated 29th July 1926.
(4) ,, 337 I., dated 3rd October 1924.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know if the Government is preparing any record showing the extent of irrigable area in the central and southern deltas ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I presume so, Sir."

Introduction of the Irrigation Bill.

* 286 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to introduce an Irrigation Bill ;
(*b*) if so, on what lines ; and
(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 349 on 27th August 1927.

(*c*) As the hon. Member is aware a conference was held at Ootacamund in May 1927 by the Member then in charge of Irrigation with some of the prominent members of the different parties in this Council and as a result the Government concluded that there was no chance of any Bill meeting sufficient support in the Council unless it contained the provisions in regard to which the last Bill was returned to the Council for amendment by His Excellency the Governor. In the circumstances there does not appear to be any object in introducing a Bill unless in connexion with any particular project an amendment of the existing law is considered imperatively necessary.

[a] Printed separately.